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Clark inks 4-year deal with board

Vince Clark on Tuesday night signed a four-year contract with Crittenden County Board of Education to become the superintendent of the school district beginning July 1.



Clark

Clark was chosen earlier this month to succeed Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, who will be leaving the superintendent's post June 30 to begin the same role with Webster County Schools. Clark's contract is worth \$105,000 per year. Under her current contract, Yarbrough was being paid \$107,000 annually.

New 4-H agent set to start July 1

Jessica Cummins will be the new University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development starting July 1, according to Nancy Hunt, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Cummins is the daughter of Susan Smith and David Smith of Crittenden County. A graduate of Crittenden County High School, she has an agriculture degree from Murray State University. She has been a high school ag teacher.

According to Hunt, Cummins is in the process of moving back to Kentucky with her husband and son. There will be a welcome reception planned after she begins.

CCHS reminds of end-of-year duty

As school wraps up on Friday, administrators want to remind students to return any supplies that may have been borrowed during the school year.

Crittenden County High School principal Rhonda Callaway asks parents to have students locate any textbooks or calculators they may have taken home from school and return those items to their teachers.

It's also important for students to meet all financial obligations, such as library fines and cafeteria charges.

Parents are also encouraged to sign and complete the form they received in the mail regarding their child's Individual Learning Plan (ILP). Parents can either sign the hard copy or the electronic version using the access code. Students can bring the hard copy to the school's office.

Spay, neuter vouchers offered

Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be selling spay and neuter vouchers from 9 a.m. to noon June 7 at the shelter off U.S. 60 east of Marion.

The cost is \$50 for dogs or cats and will be available to the residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. They can be used at participating veterinarians in Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, McCracken, Webster and Union counties.

Public meetings

- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Marion Welcome Center.

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Portion of coal money headed to park for lights

STAFF REPORT

The last bucket of coal severance funds coming to Crittenden County has been earmarked for emergency spending on equipment at the road department and for lights at the ballpark.

Coal severance funds once flowed into the county's bank account at a rate of \$35,000 every three months. Those quarterly checks ceased in 2008 after Crittenden Coal Co. on Ky. 365 between Mattoon and Sturgis stopped producing.

Severance taxes from coal mining are very lucrative for governments where mines exist. In addition to quarterly checks, the state doles out

capital expense funds in discretionary spending every year.

By state regulation, what's called "single-county coal funds" can continue flowing into county coffers for four or more years after a mine closes. Crittenden has been promised its last payment for a couple of years now, but the dollar figure has been a moving target.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Crittenden first anticipated more than \$300,000 in coal funds, but that number has bounced from zero back to \$104,808.61, which is now expected by the end of 2014.

When the original request

was made a few years ago for capital expense funding, there were various projects on the county's priority list. Because the money was so slow in coming, many of those concepts have already been addressed from other funding sources. The last three unresolved issues were park lights, road equipment and courthouse renovations.

Magistrates last week approved spending up to \$60,000 toward lights at Marion-Crittenden County Park where park board members have demonstrated that safety issues exist from aging poles and light fixtures. The balance

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Remembering the fallen

Doyle Sherer, a Korean War veteran, speaks with Glenda Chandler Monday at a Memorial Day service at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion as Sherer's son, Dwight, looks on. The annual ceremony, one of three Memorial Day services in the county, was conducted by American Legion Post 111 in Marion and drew a heavy crowd. See more scenes from local Memorial Day services on Page 16.

Hopkinsville man killed Sunday in Marion single-vehicle wreck

STAFF REPORT

Police still have no idea why 37-year-old Deandre M. White was in Marion after midnight Saturday.

Perhaps he was lost.

The Hopkinsville man was on Main Street when Marion Patrolman Chuck Hoover pulled in behind White's 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer and hit the blue lights.

A motorist had called in a complaint about White's driving, so Officer Hoover was looking for a vehicle that matched that description. Police say the motorist who phoned in the complaint had followed White into Marion on

U.S. 641.

Ironically, White had stopped at Five Star Food Mart in downtown Marion where he asked for directions to Princeton, which is in the direction from where he'd allegedly come. He then left the convenience store parking lot, heading south on Main Street toward Princeton.

That's when the Marion patrolman pulled in behind White's SUV. Within a couple of minutes, White was dead.

The man sped away when Hoover tried to get him to stop. The police report says White was traveling at a high

rate of speed when his southbound Trailblazer crossed the center line and crashed in a deep roadside ditch in front of the Front Porch Restaurant about 2:44 a.m. Sunday. The vehicle impacted a large culvert and overturned, ejecting the driver.

White was the only person in the vehicle.

The patrolman, who was not far behind, called for an ambulance immediately, then exited his patrol car only to find White unresponsive.

Later, the Crittenden County Corner's office pro-

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Marion Bobcats gone from field of play, but not forgotten

The pop of the ball hitting leather and the crack of the bat has been a glorious sound in Marion for the last six summers. It was about this time each year that a couple dozen college students from across the country first converged on Marion-Crittenden County Park for two months of Marion Bobcats baseball.

But for the first time since the summer of 2007, Gordon Blue Guess Field will not host summer collegiate base-



Daryl K. Tabor
Editor of
The Crittenden Press

My 2¢ Worth

ball in June and July.

The Marion Bobcats have been put on the shelf for 2014 and are not likely to return. Team founder Gordon

Guess, the namesake of the field on which the Bobcats played their home games in Marion, hints that age has made it too difficult to undertake the day-to-day activities it called for to run the ball club. Across the last couple of seasons, he had relinquished some of the duties he carried early on after forming the team in 2008, but the buck still stopped with Guess.

As it became more and more difficult to find housing

for the players, among other reasons, shepherding the team through each year was a weight that simply became too heavy to carry.

Guess unveiled his plans to form a team to join a summer collegiate baseball league in January 2008. Over the course of a few short months of hurried work, Guess rounded up investors, employees, volunteers and housing for players to make the Bobcats a reality. In May 2008, his brain-

child took the field for the first time.

I think it's fair to say that it was a long-held dream come true for Guess, the most avid of baseball fans.

With the help of volunteers and the support of the community, the Bobcats survived for six wonderful years. While the teams struggled between the lines at times, there were, without doubt, countless moments of excite-

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- Class Night: 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday)
- Commencement: 6 p.m. Friday
all at Rocket Arena



CCHS to graduate 73 Friday

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School will graduate 73 students from the 2014 senior class during Friday's commencement exercises. Micah Hollamon has been named valedictorian and Maggie Sims Collins salutatorian based on their grade-point average during their four years of high school.

Hollamon will attend Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn., to

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Hollamon
Valedictorian



Collins
Salutatorian

Distinguished Class of 2014 Alumni

The extraordinary life's work of each of this year's three Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni inductees involves careers in engineering, education, law, business and politics.

This year's inductees, David Newcom, 75; Helen Moore, 95; and Clement Singleton "Clem" Nunn, recognized posthumously, exemplify the very best of innovation, compassion and ambition. All three will be recognized Friday at a luncheon for friends and family and again at commencement ceremonies at Rocket Arena beginning at 6 p.m.

Helen Moore

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

It wasn't her first choice as a profession, but as an educator, Helen Moore would set the bar for those who have followed her as a teacher in Crittenden County. Having spent all of her 42 years as a public educator in Crittenden County and touching thousands of young lives, Moore set that bar pretty high.

On Friday, Moore, 95, will be one of three individuals inducted into the 2014 Class of Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni at a lunchtime induction ceremony at Rocket Arena. Joining her in induction will be David Newcom, who had a successful career as an engineer, and C.S. "Clem" Nunn, an attorney, judge and politician who will be honored posthumously.

"I am surprised at this honor, really surprised," Moore

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David Newcom

By CHRIS EVANS
PRESS PUBLISHER

David Newcom grew up watching his farming family work the hills and bottoms near the Tradewater River in northern Crittenden County with a team of mules.

When he saw there was a better way, Newcom pledged to be part of the revolution. That's where his dream to work for John Deere began. Yet, it would be several years later before a degree from the University of Kentucky would take him to East Moline, Ill., where Mr. Deere himself had transformed plowing by inventing the modern steel blade.

Newcom, 75, of Mesa, Ariz., will be recognized as a Crittenden County High School Distinguished Alumni Friday during a lunchtime ceremony at

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Class of 2014 Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni

Attorney, justice Nunn honored posthumously

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Clement Singleton “Clem” Nunn will be recognized posthumously Friday as a Crittenden County Distinguished Alumnus. He was an attorney, judge, politician, businessman and civic leader. He will join Helen Moore and David Newcom as the three inductees from the Class of 2014.

Nunn was born in Crittenden County in 1870 and was educated in the county until attending the University of Kentucky.

According to Crittenden County historian Brenda Underdown, there were no high schools in the county at the time Nunn would have completed a secondary education in the

late 1880s.

“There was what they called the Marion Academy,” she said. “That is where he would have had to get his education.”

Nunn had an accomplished career as an attorney. He formed a partnership in Marion with John W. Blue Jr. and later formed a partnership in Paducah with Tom Waller. That firm is still in operation today under the name Whitlow, Roberts, Houston & Straub. He was also an attorney for U.S. Steel Corp. Mines and served



Nunn

as president of the Kentucky Bar Association.

Nunn served as a Kentucky Court of Appeals Justice in 1914 and 1915 and was later an elected state senator, one of the few state legislators to ever emerge from Crittenden County. He served in Frankfort in that capacity from 1918 to 1920, according to his headstone in Maplevew Cemetery. He was also a delegate from Kentucky to the 1920 Democratic National Convention that chose the party's nominee for president.

As a local businessman, Nunn formed the Blue & Nunn mining firm with his law partner in the early 1900s, operating the Blue & Nunn and Old Jim mines, among

others. He served for 20 years as president of the Kentucky Fluorspar Co. in Crittenden County.

Indications are that he spent his life in Crittenden County and was very active in the community, championing for its progression into the 20th century. In fact, a roadside Kentucky Historical Marker – “Family of Judges” on West Bellville Street – is dedicated to Nunn and his father, who was also an appellate court justice.

In an excerpt from “Crittenden County History Book: Vol. I” written by Nunn's nephew, the late Thomas Nunn Tucker, “Clem was active in the betterment of Marion and Crittenden County. He was in-

strumental in getting electricity in Marion in 1901, as well as the telephone system in the town and the county. He worked for many years trying to get the water and sewer in town and finally in 1926, he was successful.”

Tucker goes on to write that Nunn was a friend and classmate of F. Julius Fohs, an inaugural Distinguished Alumni inductee, and served as his personal representative during the building of Fohs Hall.

“He worked hard to get the highways through the county and then get them surfaced,” Tucker wrote further of Nunn in the history book.

Nunn died in 1935 from injuries received in an automobile wreck.

MOORE

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said. “I wouldn’t have ever thought of such a thing.”

In fact, this is the second community honor Moore has received in the last six months as recognition of her decades as a teacher and her civic mindedness and dedication to the community over the years. In December, she was chosen as grand marshal of the annual Marion Christmas parade.

She humbly calls herself “unworthy” of such recognition.

“I’ll just say this is for all the other teachers who haven’t been recognized,” she said, shrugging off the spotlight.

In the four years since the first class of Distinguished Alumni were inducted in 2011, Moore sets herself apart as the only living person to be entered into the hall of fame who left an indelible mark on the world right here in Crittenden County. In fact, she has spent her entire life in Marion, save the time she spent away earning her college education.

She was raised as an only child after her older sister died of influenza just months

after Moore was born. As a teen at Marion High School, Moore dreamed of becoming an attorney like others in her family. But upon her graduation from the school in 1936, there were few women practicing law. Her family’s humble earnings in the midst of The Great Depression also prevented her from pursuing the costly and lengthy college education necessary to become an attorney.

“I just kind of fell into it,” Moore said of her career in teaching. “I really wanted to be a lawyer, but back then you could get a teaching certificate if you went to college for two years, so that’s what I did.”

After graduation from high school, Moore went off to then-Western Kentucky State Teachers College in Bowling Green to earn her teaching certificate.

“We were just beginning to get over that terrible Depression and there wasn’t any money for anything extra at all,” she explained. “I often wondered how my parents sent me for two years.”

She would later go on to receive her degree from Western.

Moore began her teaching career in Crittenden County in the late 1930s at rural

county schools, teaching first through eighth grade. She began at Sisco Chapel School and later taught at Brown School. But after three years, she was assigned to Fohs Hall to teach first grade. She would spend 39 years in that same role before retiring in 1980.

“She went out on top,” said Moore’s close friend and fellow former first-grade teacher, Phyllis Sykes.

To last as long in teaching as she did, Moore said there are some intangibles a teacher must have.

“Patience,” she said. “You have to have patience; that is the first thing. And you have to enjoy the children you are teaching.”

She easily recalls unruly pupils, overwhelming class sizes, students sneaking away from campus and other incidents, all of which call for a certain amount of tolerance. But through it all, across her four-plus decades of teaching, Moore was able to influence thousands of young minds with her patience and love.

“I hope so, in a good way,” she said of the mark she left on students as she sat on the porch of her North College Street home she has lived in since 1941. “In first grade,

Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni

- 2011**
Kenneth Winters
Albert Michael Crider
Forrest Carlisle Pogue
F. Julius Fohs
Ollie M. James
- 2012**
Scott Campbell
Trish Milburn
Jim Hatfield
- 2013**
Johnny Rushing
Jeff McKenney
- 2014**
David Newcom
Helen Moore
C.S. “Clem” Nunn

you don’t realize you influence them that much.”

In fact, many of her students would go on to become teachers themselves. And Moore, always happy to help out her fellow teachers, took several of them under her wing.

“Beginning teachers need a lot of help,” she said.

In fact, Moore said her early years were the toughest of her career.

Another tough period was during the Second World War, when supplies were diverted to the war effort and were hard to come by. Despite the setbacks during

that period, she still managed to give her Fohs Hall students what they needed to move forward.

“They still learned to read and write and do some arithmetic,” she said proudly.

While Moore still remembers most of the faces of her former students, because of varying class sizes over the years, she has no idea how many people she may have taught.

“It would be hard to tell because after the war – World War II – was over and the Baby Boomers started coming, I enrolled as many as over 50 during one year. So it would be hard for me to tell how many I have taught.”

Instructing a classroom of more than four dozen first-graders was a daunting task for a young teacher. So it didn’t take long for Moore to call for help from her board of education.

“I went to the school board and told them they had to get another teacher,” she said.

Her plea was successful.

In fact, Moore did not shy away from doing what she thought was right for her students and fellow teachers. On more than one occasion, she

stood in opposition of a superintendent as a show of solidarity for her counterparts in the classroom.

Would Moore change her life’s work if she could go back in time?

“Oh, of course, not,” she said.

Though she first missed teaching after retirement, she has grown content to simply watch the children get off the buses in the afternoon.

Over the years, Moore has found ways to keep herself busy in the community that she has called home her entire life. She has been involved in Crittenden County Historical Society, having served a period as president; she has been a member of the Business and Professional Women of Marion; she has been an member of the Order of the Eastern Star for more than 70 years; and she has for more than 87 years been an active member of Marion United Methodist Church, where she has taught Sunday School and has been a Superintendent of Sunday School; and she has held every office in the local United Methodist Women’s Organization.

NEWCOM

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Rocket Arena. The annual recognition of distinguished alumni is part of graduation week.

Newcom retired from John Deere in 2005 after a 42-year engineering career that included the development of the 60 Series row crop tractor.

He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1958.

Newcom grew up north of Mattoon and seldom traveled outside of the county as a youngster. However, he learned early on how technology was changing the world when his father and uncle went together to buy a 1939 B John Deere tractor. It was a 12hp unit without a cover over the engine – a so-called un-styled device, Newcom says.

“That tractor made such an impression on me that I went around telling everyone I was going to work for John Deere,” he said.

Newcom recalls how his family’s team of work animals could pull a single small plow, turning eight inches of dirt on one pass.

“This tractor could pull two 12-inch plows about as fast as you walk,” he said. “It would turn 24 inches on one trip.”

The threefold increase in productivity impressed this young lad who began to find more and more interest in farming and design. He won a 4-H trip to UK as a boy because of a project demonstrating safety measures for residential wiring.

Electricity came to Newcom’s home in the early 1950s. His 4-H display showed a series of wire knots early electricians could use to help prevent electrical shorts when wiring junction boxes and switches. His project won the county prize, earning himself a trip to Lexington.

“I was literally blown away,” he says, after seeing the big city and the University of Kentucky campus.

Newcom’s post-secondary education began at Murray State where he completed pre-engineering classes. From there he earned a bachelor’s and

master’s degree from UK. He applied to John Deere, Case and International Harvester. Landing a job in the northern manufacturing sector was difficult for a Southern boy, he said.

“They didn’t think we could hack it up there,” he recalls.

After some persistence, Newcom was employed by John Deere as an engineer trainee. He rose quickly through the ranks to become a senior engineer and project manager. His work took him overseas to Spain, Germany, France and beyond.

Among his first assignments was development of a manure spreader. He laughs about that experience and remembers another comical moment when a spreader he helped design broke down right in front of the John Deere headquarters. The rig was built to mix feed, but the prototype was filled with rocks and sand for rigorous testing – overloading the wagon you might say, and breaking an axle.

From there he worked on building combines before turning his attention to those highly recognizable John Deere tractors with their copyrighted green paint.

The 60 Series tractor was one of his major projects. He was the lead man in re-de-

signing the old 50 Series to make it more user friendly. They moved the exhaust stack to improve visibility from the driver’s seat and retooled the engine so farmers could maintain them easier with more room under the hood.

Anytime John Deere had a new idea and built a prototype, they’d take great care to test it in secret, Newcom said. He tells interesting stories of how competing companies would try to sneak around to see what others were working on.

The pay has been good and the rewards many for this man of humble beginnings in rural Crittenden County. He credits faith, family and education for those blessings.

Newcom’s impact has been profound and lasting on the communities in which he has lived over a long and successful professional career in Illinois and Iowa. And, his community service has not ceased since retirement in Arizona. He has been a city councilman, established churches, is an ordained deacon, served his own church in a variety of leadership roles, led mission trips and most importantly been a true and faithful servant of God.

He recalls teachers who impacted his early education at country schools such

as Dempsey, Baker and Mattoon. Much of the time, he walked to and from school. Irene Truitt, Anna Collins and James Porter were elementary teachers he remembers fondly and in high school there were many, including Dean Akridge, Anna Belle Guess, Wilbur Horning, Charles Talley, William Todd, Marie Taylor and Ada White.

Newcom will be joined in Marion this week by his wife of 54 years, the former Carolyn Jackson. She grew up in Shady Grove and they started dating as sophomores in high school. They have four children. A number of people in their extended families still live in and around Marion.

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Seniors undergo exit interviews

Senior exit interviews were held last week at Crittenden County High School. The mandatory exit interviews provide students with practical interview skills they can use when applying and interviewing for employment. Students were required to dress professionally and present examples of some of their best work from high school. Pictured above, Brenden Philips is interviewed by Crosswalk coordinator Cheryl Burks and Andy Hunt of Farmers Bank & Trust Co.



PHOTO BY PABLO ALCALA, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Honoring fallen police officers

Officer Jonathan "Heath" Martin of Marion Police Department presents Amy Ellis, widow of slain Bardstown police officer Jason Ellis, with a flag last Wednesday during the 2014 Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. Ellis, shot and killed May 25, 2013, during an ambush off a Bluegrass Parkway exit ramp, was among those remembered. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial stands in memory of nearly every Kentucky peace officer who has been killed in the line of duty. This year's addition of nine names bring the total number of names on the monument to 518. That includes Louis Myers, a Marion Police officer who died of a heart attack while on duty in August 1973.

FATALITY

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nounced White dead at the scene.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said an investigation has discovered that White was driving on a suspended license. The chief also sus-

pected that alcohol may have been involved.

Kentucky State Police are conducting an investigation with a certified accident reconstructionist working on the case. Also, the victim's body was sent to the state medical examiner's office where toxicology and other tests were to be conducted.

It was the first fatal accident inside the city limits in more than seven years and only the third in more than 25 years.

Multiple personnel from Kentucky State Police, Marion Police Department and Crittenden County EMS assisted at the scene.

BOBCATS

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ment stirred on the field for the enjoyment of a small, but loyal fan base.

There were players like Travis Jankowski, who has made his way to the Double A affiliate of the San Diego Padres and has a promising future in the game. When he makes it to the Bigs, perhaps he will look back fondly at his summer in a Marion Bobcats uniform.

There was a lot of work behind making the Bobcats a reality each year, much of it unnoticed by the public. It was arduous work at times,

but there was also a lot of fun for those involved with the team, fans included.

While this summer will be a little emptier in Marion, the Bobcats will forever be a wonderful chapter in the city's history, thanks mostly to Guess' vision and hustle.

He remains involved with the game as president of the Ohio Valley League, but if you ask him, he still misses his Bobcats.

Six years was a pretty good run, Guess said last year when he made the difficult decision to shelf the team in 2014.

It sure was, and I think a lot of other people would agree with that statement.

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- 5:00 p.m. - Rides and Concessions Open
- 5:00 p.m. - Vance Kendalle Concert
- 6:00 p.m. - Zion Apostolic Church Service
- 8:00 p.m. - G&L Karaoke

THURSDAY, MAY 29

- 5:00 p.m. - Rides and Concessions Open
The Balloon Guy
- 6:00 p.m. - Baby Contest (2-6 Year Olds) \$10 Entry Fee
- 7:00 p.m. - Pretty Woman Contest (Prizes Awarded)
- 8:00 p.m. - Godzilla Band Concert sponsored by the Providence Tourism Board

FRIDAY, MAY 30

- 5:00 p.m. - Rides and Concessions Open
The Balloon Guy doing Free Airbrush Tattoos
- 6:00 p.m. - Beauty Contests (Girls 7-15) \$15 & \$25 Entry Fee
- 8:00 p.m. - Wrestling

SATURDAY, MAY 31

- 12:00 p.m. - Kids Day (Discounted Armbands 12-4 p.m.)
- 2:00 p.m. - Coal Miner Pageant
Kids up to 12 Dress as Your Favorite Coal Miner, Prizes Awarded
- 5:00 p.m. - Rides and Concessions Open
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Candidate for Magistrate District #1



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Farmers can sign-up for ELAP

The Salem Service Center Farm Service Agency, which serves Crittenden and Livingston counties, is currently conducting sign-up for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) to eligible producers who suffered losses beginning Oct. 1, 2011, and subsequent years.

ELAP provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish to help to compensate for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP was authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) as a perma-



nent program and provides retroactive authority to cover losses that occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011.

ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

ELAP provides assistance for livestock grazing, feed and death losses; honeybee feed, colony and hive losses;

and fish feed and death losses. ELAP also covers losses related to expenses incurred to gather cattle for cattle tick fever treatment and, beginning in 2014, for losses related to the cost of transporting water due to an eligible drought.

If you have suffered losses, please contact the Salem Service Center FSA office at (270) 988-2180 or stop by the office located at 2027 U.S. 60 East, Suite B, Salem KY 42078, for additional information regarding this program.

Upcoming/ongoing
- Currently: Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP) sign-ups are being taken.
- Currently: Livestock Forage Program (LFP) sign-up

are being taken.
- Currently: Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) sign-ups are being taken.
- Currently: Tree Assistance Program (TAP) sign-ups are being taken.
- Through Aug. 1: Nesting season. No activity should be conducted on Conservation Reserve Program ground.
- July 15: Last date to submit 2013 Average Crop Revenue Election production.
- July 15: Acreage report deadline.
(Laura Kessler is the FSA executive director at the Salem service center, which serves Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at (270) 988-2180.)

Now time for producers to make hay

Now is the optimal time for Kentucky forage producers to cut hay to ensure they get good quality and yield.

"The stage of maturity at which the hay is cut is the biggest factor that affects quality," said Tom Keene, hay marketing specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Many Kentucky producers went into the winter of 2013-14 thinking they had enough good quality hay to sustain their livestock. Before the end of winter, some found that they needed more or that their hay quality was not as good as they had previously thought.

For grasses, Keene said producers should cut the plant when it's in the late boot stage. For legumes,



producers should harvest when the plant is at the late bud or early flowering stage. A good rule of thumb for legume producers is to watch for flowers in the field. As flowers begin to appear, it's time to harvest for good quality forage. Waiting could result in poor quality hay. While the harsh winter and a colder-than-average early spring slowed the development of some grasses and legumes, most are at or

nearing maturity now.
"The quality is going to go down every day producers wait to make hay from this point on," Keene said.
Since hay needs adequate time to dry before it can be baled or rolled, growers need four or five consecutive days of dry weather to make hay.
Once hay is made, producers can ensure good quality by having it tested through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture offers a forage testing service that provides nutritional value information. This service is eligible for Kentucky producers only. If you grow hay or buy hay and live in Kentucky you are qualified for this service.
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what you need to feed you can save money and promote the health and well-being of your livestock. Hay is a viable food source; if you have good hay you can cut back on your supplement therefore a cost saving measure.
For more information, you can contact the UK Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236. There is also more information available on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Website at www.kyagr.com/marketing/forage-program.html.
(Hall is the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. She can be reached at (270) 965-5236.)

County unemployment drops to 6.7 percent

Crittenden jobless rate at 6.7 percent
Below are the jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in April 2014 to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties listed between.

AREA	APRIL 2014	MARCH 2014	APRIL 2013
Kentucky.....	7.2.....	8.4.....	7.8
Pennyrile.....	7.8.....	8.9.....	8.9
COUNTIES			
Boone (1).....	5.1.....	5.7.....	6.4
Caldwell.....	5.9.....	7.7.....	6.4
Webster.....	6.1.....	7.4.....	6.9
Union.....	6.2.....	7.3.....	7.2
Crittenden.....	6.7.....	8.3.....	7.2
Lyon.....	7.1.....	9.0.....	7.4
Livingston.....	8.1.....	9.1.....	8.3
Jackson (120).....	17.4.....	19.3.....	14.4

STAFF REPORT

Unemployment rates fell in Crittenden and 99 other Kentucky counties between April 2013 and April 2014, while 14 county rates went up and six counties stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The jobless rate in Crittenden County for April 2014 was 6.7 percent, down from 7.2 percent in April 2014 and 8.3 percent in March 2014.
The most recent figure compares with 7.2 percent statewide unemployment and a 5.9 percent jobless rate across the United States.
Meantime, the unemployment rate in Livingston

County also fell. The most recent figure reported in April was 8.1 percent, down from 8.3 percent in April 2014 and 9.1 percent in March 2014.
Boone County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.1 percent. Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate – 17.4 percent.

GRADUATION

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major in chemistry and pre-engineering.

"I would like to be working as the head chemical engineer for a company while being a great Christian husband and father for my family," Hollamon said when asked where he would like to be at the age of 40.

The honor of being valedictorian is not lost on Hollamon, the son of Greg and Dawn Hollamon.

"Being valedictorian shows that I have received great encouragement from my family, friends and the teachers of Crittenden County," he said. "It also means that all my hard work has paid off."

Meantime, Collins will attend the University of Louisville to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering in preparation for dental school. She hopes to become a pediatric dentist.

"I would like to own my own practice...working hand-in-hand with children to improve their health," Collins said of her plans at 40. "I would also like to be married and raising my children in a Christ-centered home."

Being named salutatorian is a culmination of labor and commitment for Collins, the daughter of Stuart and Pam Collins.

"It means I have achieved a goal that I set before myself, and it is a reward for four years of hard work and dedication," she said.

Hollamon and Collins will speak at graduation ceremonies beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at Rocket Arena.

Class Night is today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Rocket Arena.

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Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

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- Monday: Exercise by Full Body Fitness begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chicken strips, twice baked potato, baked pork and beans, wheat bread slice and pineapple slices.

- Tuesday: Menu is pork chop sandwich on wheat bun, buttered new potatoes, seasoned peas and a brownie.

- Wednesday: Menu is white bean/ham/cabbage soup, half a pimiento cheese sandwich on wheat bread, tropical fruit cup and snickerdoodle.

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OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —
Jenkins

David Donan "Bulldog" Jenkins, 80, of Sturgis died May 23, 2014, at Shemwell Healthcare in Providence.



Jenkins

Retired Capt. Jenkins and his late wife, Georgia, known to everyone as "Miss Jo," had dedicated their entire adult lives to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. More specifically, they dedicated their lives to the officers of Kentucky who were their family and to the natural resources of this great state. Their hard work and sacrifices enabled them to give gifts that will span many lifetimes.

Four different scholarship funds have been established in their name, funded by their own money and provided to the Kentucky Conservation Officers Association, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Employees, Union County High School and Crittenden County High School.

Jenkins was born in Union County on Feb. 17, 1934. He graduated from Morganfield High School in 1952, served two hitchhes in the U.S. Army and was hired as a game warden with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in 1958. He retired from the Department in 1997 as captain of the 2nd Wildlife Region. In 1964 and 1965, he was recognized as the Kentucky Officer of the Year.

He was member of the Cat Alley Quail Club.

Articles pertaining to some of Jenkins' exploits have appeared in the September 1977 issue of Readers Digest, Kentucky Game and Fish magazine and three chapters from the book "Halt, I'm a Federal Game Warden," which covered some of the stories relating to his career.

The first called meeting for an officers association was made by Jenkins in 1967 in

Elizabethtown. Soon afterward, he was sent to the mountains of eastern Kentucky to ponder the wisdom of such a meeting. The next called meeting was 21 years later in 1988 and the Kentucky Conservation Officers Association was formed. Jenkins was a charter member and avid supporter of KCOA.

Georgia "Miss Jo" Travis Jenkins was born in Crittenden County on Sept. 22, 1934, and was residing in Sturgis at the time of her death on Feb. 15, 2003. She attended Marion High School and graduated in 1952.

She was a career employee with the Selective Service and the Corps of Engineers. She ran the day-to-day family business and took care of her husband and 16 game wardens. She was an associate member of KCOA and staunch supporter of all the officers in the state.

Mr. Jenkins is survived by a sister, Mildred Phillips of Michigan; nieces; and nephews.

Besides his wife, Jenkins was preceded in death by his brothers, sisters and his parents, Charles Henry and Harpie Derea Jenkins.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Bro. Daniel Askew will officiate. Burial will be in Boxville Odd Fellows Cemetery with honors by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officers.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home.

Memorial contribution can be made to: Kentucky Conservation Officers Association, 251 Burns Road, Auburn, KY 42206.

Williamson

Mildred T. Williamson, 91, of Ashland, Ala., formerly of Crittenden County, died May 23, 2014, at the Clay County Hospital in Ashland.

She was born in Crittenden County and then moved to Indiana in 1957. In 1990, she relocated to Clay County.

Williamson was a home-maker. She was a member of Springhill Baptist Church in Lineville, Ala.

She is survived by two daughters, Evelyn Huddleston of Ashland and Louise and husband Cleave Bryant of Ashland; three sons: Billy and wife Betty Williamson of Salem, David and wife Martie Williamson of San Marcos, Calif., and Larry Williamson of Ashland; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Williamson was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer Travis and Vera May Rolston Travis; her husband of 64 years, Eugene Williamson; two sons, Ronnie Williamson and Gilbert Williamson; and four brothers, Haskell Travis, Howard Travis, Randolph Travis and Harrell Travis.

Funeral services were Monday at Benefield Funeral Home in Ashland with Rev. Raymond Long officiating. Burial was in the Springhill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cowan

Judith M. Cowan, 90, of Marion died May 13 at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Lou and husband Chip Sizemore of Marion; a son, Harry Lee and wife Joan Cowan of Sturgis; three grandchildren, Rob and wife Tona Hosman of Marion, Chuck and wife Linda Barron of Marion and Jennifer and husband Tom Byerley of Brownsburg, Ind.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Cowan was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Melba Cowan; her parents, Walter and Lucinda Powell; a granddaughter, Brandy House; and a grandson, Jayson Cowan.

Funeral services were May 16 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Bro. Geoffrey Diebler officiating. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery.

Doom

Deloris Butler Doom, 69, of Lumpkin, Ga., formerly of Crittenden County, died May 15, 2014.

She was born June 23, 1944, in Crittenden County.

Doom is survived by her husband, Robert Doom of Lumpkin; a son, Eddie and wife Misty Nichols of Georgia; two sisters, Clement King of Marion and Martha White of Providence; and five grandchildren, all of Georgia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Cara Ryan Butler; two sisters; and five brothers.

Burial will be at a later date in Love Cemetery in Crittenden County.

LIGHTS

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of the coal money will be spent on new road department equipment, but county officials have not decided exactly what will be bought.

Most of the light poles at the city-county park were placed in the early 1980s. The poles have a life expectancy of 30 years. The park board has been advised by utilities specialists that the structural integrity of the poles and the arms on which the light fixtures set have been compromised by deterioration. One set of lights fell off of a pole several months ago.

No money was set aside for improvements at the courthouse.

Newcom said the state of repair of some equipment at the road department makes it a safety priority, too.

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Harry L. Shouse, 94, of Willoughby, Ohio, formerly of Livingston County, died Monday, May 19, 2014, at Manor Care Health Services in Willoughby.

Born Sept. 15, 1919, in Lola, Shouse had lived in Willoughby since 1971.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He was employed by the former Conrail Railroad in the Collinwood Yards for 43 years, having retired in 1982.

He is survived by three grandchildren, Paula and husband Steve Pinkerman of Euclid, Ohio, Vicki and husband Mike Chepelsky of Painesville Township, Ohio, and David Brown Jr. of Ashtabula, Ohio; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas Chepelsky and Elise Chepelsky.

Shouse was preceded in death by his daughter, Marianne Brown; his parents, Amon and Gracie Manhart Shouse; and a brother, Louis Shouse.

Graveside services were Tuesday at Bethel Cemetery.

Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. Yarbrough: Leaving district bittersweet

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

On Friday evening, Dr. Rachel Yarbrough will speak at graduation ceremonies for the final time as superintendent of Crittenden County Schools. Yarbrough, who has been on the job since July 2008, has spent the last six years leading the school district through a variety of changes and new initiatives. In July, she will return to her home district of Webster County and assume its superintendent's position.

Reflecting on her time in Crittenden County, Yarbrough said last week it was important at the beginning of her tenure to create a shared vision for student learning and build a team around that vision to help move the district forward. She cited input from the community was vital for the district to reach its goals.

One outcome of that vision is the semi-annual Council of Councils meeting, where students and their parents sit down together at special school board work sessions with teachers, administrators and board members to share their ideas and concerns about the district.

"We have a 20/20 vision for student learning. We have aligned our decisions around what's best for students in Crittenden County Schools," Dr. Yarbrough said. "There is a mechanism in place for continuous input from the Council of Councils meetings and the Superintendent-to-Kid advisory groups. So we have continued to make sure we're getting feedback and input to help us continue to improve. I think that's been a trademark of what we've tried to do here."

Input from those stakeholders helped formulate what the district calls its Big Six goals or ideas. Those goals initially included addressing the district's dropout rate, improving attendance, increasing student achievement, developing resource effectiveness, establishing connectivity and building a positive climate. Over the years, those goals evolved. After addressing the dropout rate through the Pathway Academy, a greater emphasis could be placed on cultivating a college-and-career-readiness climate. Resource effectiveness was maximized in part by creating a district energy team. Connectivity was enhanced both internally and externally through such venues as



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said leaving Crittenden County Schools is a bittersweet experience. She credits school officials for their dedication and applauded the choice of Vince Clark as her successor. Yarbrough's last day as superintendent will be June 30. She has accepted the same position with Webster County School District.

online media, social networking sites and a school messenger service.

Dr. Yarbrough also emphasized it was important to create a positive culture and climate not just for students in the classroom but for teachers, staff and administrators in the school district.

"I think we've tried to do some things to have fun along this road to send the message that we're all in this thing together," she said. "Everybody has a role and function to play in the school district. The board of education does, the superintendent has a role, teachers, families and students play a role and the community. If you can get all those groups to support what the school district is trying to do, you can accomplish so much more together. We have seen that happen here in the past six years and probably I'm as proud of that as anything."

She also cited the importance of the propane bus pilot program and

new initiatives that facilitate learning inside the classroom such as the digital conversion plan at the middle and high schools and strengthening the emphasis on college and career readiness.

Despite the success of those initiatives, Dr. Yarbrough said there have been challenges. Depleted resources and a lack of funding have been a significant hurdle for Crittenden County Schools.

"We've had to be so efficient with resources because every year I have been here there have been substantial cuts in either state grants or federal grants, and so we really have had to be conscious of how we use all the resources," she said. "It's been frustrating that you couldn't do more. That there were some decisions that had to be made because of resources and a limited amount of resources, you really have to focus on trying to maintain the highest quality of instructional program you can."

Dr. Yarbrough said another as-

pect of her position was to try and remove as many barriers as possible to create a quality classroom environment for students and teachers. She credits members of the school board for supporting the vision of team-building and partnering with the community in making the best decisions for students at Crittenden County Schools.

"I have been the most fortunate superintendent to have worked with board members who really have put the school district and the kids of this school district at the front of their decisions," she said. "I think when you can get information, when you can honestly have conversations, when you can come

a direction, it's unique, and it has served this district well," she said.

School board chairman Chris Cook credits Dr. Yarbrough's vision for moving the school district forward by empowering both staff and students.

"Under the leadership of Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, the dedicated staff of Crittenden County Schools is advancing our district to the next level of student achievement. During her six-year tenure, Dr. Yarbrough led our district to develop a vision to guide us, empowered our staff and students to be creative and innovative in following our vision and inspired all of our stakeholders to work tirelessly to move our vision toward reality. What a wonderful legacy Dr. Yarbrough leaves for the future of our community," Cook said.

While she shrugs off the idea of leaving a legacy, she emphasized the importance of creating the best opportunities for students in the classroom.

"I want people to say that Crittenden County schools are better off because I've been here and are stronger. The partnerships are solid. The learning experience for kids has been strengthened. And ultimately, we made every decision based on what's best for kids here. If I have a legacy, if I ever have a legacy, that's what it should be."

"The school leadership endeavor is to really make the learning expe-

riences for kids the highest quality we can. I can fail at a lot of things, but I don't want to fail at that. I hope that everything that's been accomplished in six years toward those goals, points directly toward the learning experiences for kids in Crittenden County are better than they were. I hope people can say that. I hope people can say that positive contributions have been made while I've led the school district for Crittenden County Schools moving forward."

She calls her decision to leave the superintendent's position at Crittenden County Schools bittersweet, and yet, is excited about the challenge of leading Webster County Schools. She offered her appreciation to administrators, teachers, staff and community members for their dedication to student achievement.

"Closing day here will be tough for me because I love Crittenden County."

— Dr. Rachel Yarbrough on leaving her post as superintendent of Crittenden County Schools for the same position in Webster County

serve and lead here," she said. "I don't want them pushing me out the door. I'd rather go when it's good. And that's when you ought to go. I feel so good about the leadership here. And Vince Clark (Yarbrough's successor) is going to be fabulous. He is the next right thing for Crittenden County Schools. I completely believe that."

Even though she will be at the helm of a different school district in just more than a month, Yarbrough said she will always look back at her six years as superintendent of Crittenden County Schools with gratefulness and appreciation.

"When you've given of yourself so much to a place and you've all worked together to move it forward, everybody owns it. But you've built such good relationships with people and shared so much success that it's a part of your life," she said. "I have the utmost respect for Crittenden County Schools and will continue to tell people years down the road what a wonderful experience it was for me to serve as the superintendent here. That will never change."

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Crittenden County High School in conjunction with Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation held its third annual College Signing Day Friday. Students committed to colleges, institutes, technical schools or the military were recognized during an assembly of the entire high school. Pictured are those students recognized.



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Students who were not pictured or present on announcement day
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Micah Hollamon, Freed-Hardeman University
Alicia Fuls, West Kentucky Community & Technical College
Taylor Fritts, Murray State University
Victoria Cullen, Art Institute of Tennessee - Nashville
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Extreme heat has significant affect on older adults

Summer is upon us, and temperatures are beginning to heat up. While that may be welcome news for many, combinations of high humidity and excessive heat can be dangerous for others, especially older adults.

When a person's body cannot properly cool itself, it increases the risks for heat-related illnesses. Older adults are more susceptible to hyperthermia, a common heat-related illness that results in a dangerously high body temperature. The most common form of hyperthermia is heatstroke. Heatstroke occurs when a person's body temperature reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Prolonged exposure to hot temperatures and high humidity, existing health problems, some medications and being older increase the risk of heatstroke. When body temperature rises above 107 degrees, it can be fatal.

Older adults are more susceptible to hyperthermia, because sweat glands, which normally help regulate the

body's temperature, often diminish in number, while those remaining may not function as well. This slows older adults' ability to properly regulate their temperature. Certain medical conditions common to old age such as diabetes, dehydration, and heart, kidney and central nervous system diseases can further decrease the body's ability to regulate temperature. Normal age-related skin changes can also make it more difficult for older adults to regulate their body temperature and adjust to extreme heat.

Older adults are at additional risks for heat-related

illnesses, if they are overweight, underweight, drink alcoholic beverages, live in homes without fans or air conditioners, go outside on hot and humid days, and overdress or wear the wrong type of fabrics in hot weather.

On hot, humid days, older adults are highly encouraged to stay inside in an air-conditioned or well-ventilated building. It is important to note that fans alone may not produce enough cooling effect on extremely hot days to help individuals regulate body temperature. Those without air conditioners should take cool baths or showers and seek accommodations that offer cool air, such as the home of a family member or friend, or a church. Other air-conditioned places that can help a person escape from the heat include grocery stores, public libraries or heat-relief shelters.

Individuals can also reduce their risk for heat-related illnesses by limiting outdoor physical activity on hot days to the early morning or late evening, wearing light-weight, light colored and loose fitting clothes, wide-brimmed hats and sunscreen. Those who must work outdoors during extremely hot and humid weather should take frequent breaks if possible in a shaded area.

Regardless of age, it is never a good idea to sit or stay in a vehicle on a hot day. Temperatures inside an enclosed parked car can get as much as 19 degrees warmer than the outside temperature in just 10 minutes and reach 45-50 degrees warmer than outdoors within an hour.

It is always important to check on older friends, relatives and neighbors during extreme heat to make sure they are weathering the heat well.

(Source: Amy Hosier, UK family life extension specialist.)



Winn-Smith

Randy and Vicki Knight of Energy, Ill., announce the engagement of their niece, Saundra Marie Winn, to Zackary Grant Smith.

Winn is the daughter of the late Chief Kenneth and Dorothy "Dottie" Winn of Marion. She is the granddaughter of Hershel and Novella Winn of Marion and Perry and Saundra Brookshire of Marion. She is a 2009 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2013 graduate of Lindsey Wilson College and is employed by the Shane Company of Louisville.

Smith is the son of Jerry and Gayle Smith of Harrodsburg, Ky. He is a 2009 graduate of Mercer County High School and a 2013 graduate of Lindsey Wilson College. He is employed by Neil Huffman of Louisville and will be attending Washington University School of Law in St. Louis in August.

The wedding will take place at 3:45 p.m., June 7 at Marion United Methodist Church. A reception will follow. Family and friends are invited to attend. Only out of town invitations are being sent.

Brontrager reflects on quilting

Amos and Ella Brontrager are beginning a new journey. After almost 25 years of living in Crittenden County, the couple has moved from their farm near Mattoon to be closer to their daughter in Kansas.

Ella, who said she has never met a stranger, is known for her quilt making. She's been selling quilts for nearly 40 years. Individuals from across the United States, Canada, South America and European countries such as Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Austria have purchased her quilts.

"After I began selling quilts here, I decided I would have a quilt sale every April. Then they would come from Paducah," she said.

Born near Shippshewana, Ind., Ella remembers as a child studying her grandmother as she would spend countless hours making quilts. She would later learn quilting was a proud family tradition.

One day she was visited by a quilt historian from Washington State. The individual traced Ella's name and discovered many of her ancestor's quilts were located in the Indianapolis State Museum. Ella eventually had the opportunity to tour the museum. Because it houses a vast amount of quilts, they are rotated for display to the public. A museum representative showed Ella vaults where her ancestor's quilts are kept.

In addition to quilting, Ella enjoys keeping in touch with her pen pals from around the world. She enjoys meeting people and said it wasn't unusual to average more than a 100 visitors a year at their home in Crittenden County.

Once settled in Kansas, Ella plans to continue her quilting. In April she told one individual about the couple's plans to move. The woman asked for her new address and said she would see her next year.

At 69, Ella enjoys working and keeping herself occupied with quilting and gardening.

"It would just drive me up the wall if I had to sit in a rocking chair and twiddle my thumbs," she said.

Extension Homemakers attend state meeting



Darl Henley (at left) accepts her first place award in the Healthier Kentucky Recipe Contest from Susan Hansford, state president at the Kentucky Extension Homemaker Annual Meeting held in Bowling Green. Others attending from Crittenden County included Glenda Chandler, Micki Crider, Sarah Ford, Nancy Hunt, Norma Hunt, Jerrell James and Rebecca Zahrt.

meeting.

Pat Carter's entry in the Reading Awards Bookmark Design Contest was the state winner. It will be available on-line for all counties to use when they recognize members for completing the KEHA Book List.

In the Cultural Arts competition, Sarah Ford and Barbara Gillihan received blue ribbons. Others entering in the competition included Kristi Harris, Anna Kirby, Nancy Lanham, Judith Ann Manley, Nancy Paris and Helen Springs.

Crittenden County had a total of 13 entries. A copy of the entries in the Cultural Arts Writing Contests will be available for check-out from the Crittenden County Public Library.

Rose Eldridge and Debbie Cox donated 12-inch quilt squares for the auction to help defray the cost of the conference. In 2013 there were 176 quilt squares and 256 in 2014. A total of \$1,481 was raised.

In the Volunteer Service Program the following individuals were recognized with

their accumulated totals: Barbara Gillihan, 2,500 hours; Sarah Ford, 3,500 hours and Darl Henley, 4,500 hours.

Crittenden County's homemakers received recognition for their 100%+ donation for Ovarian Cancer Research at the University of Kentucky. The UK Markey Cancer Center Ovarian Screening Program was started in 1987 and provides free cancer screenings by transvaginal ultrasound (TVS) to postmenopausal women who are over the age of 50 or over the age of 25 with a documented family history of ovarian cancer. Paducah is one of the official screening sites in Kentucky. Contact the Crittenden County Extension Office for more information on this program. Participants do not have to be Extension Homemaker members.

The names of 213 Kentucky Extension Homemaker members who passed away in 2013 were included on a display. Local names and their clubs included were: Francis Turley, Challengers; Arlene Summers, Challengers; Anna Smith Collins, Evening Belles; Donna Rushing, Crooked Creek; and Margie Towery, Evening Belles.

The 2015 state meeting will be held in Louisville May 4-7. For more information on Extension Homemakers call (270) 965-5236.



O'Dell joins honor society

On April 21, Matthew O'Dell, a Crittenden County High School graduate and Western Kentucky University student, was initiated into Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international honor society in economics and one of the world's largest academic honor societies for college students. Minimum admission requirements are the completion of 12 college semester hours of economics and attainment of at least a B average in economics courses and overall B average in all classes and an upper-third class standing. Objectives of Omicron Delta Epsilon are the recognition of a student's scholastic attainment and honoring outstanding achievements in economics. O'Dell was one of 40 students invited to the initiation banquet for the Epsilon Chapter of Kentucky. Pictured above with O'Dell (center) are Dr. Jeffrey P. Katz, Western Kentucky University Dean of Gordon Ford Business College, and Dr. Catherine Carey, chair and professor of economics.

Dog Days of Summer Festival scheduled for June 21 to benefit area no-kill animal shelter

Mark your calendar for the first-ever Dog Days of Summer Festival to be held next month at Marion Commons.

The event, held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 21, will include a variety of games and activities for the entire family. All proceeds from the festival will benefit the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter. The festival is sponsored by Farmers Bank & Trust Co., Marion Dairy Queen and Boyd Funeral Directors of Salem.

Activities will include a duck pond, face painting, an inflatable bounce house and a petting zoo featuring a miniature horse, sheep and goats. Children and adults are encouraged to enter their dogs, cats, rabbits and birds for the show. The entry fee is \$10 with all

proceeds benefiting the no-kill shelter.

Shelter officials remind the public a silent auction is now occurring online at the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter Facebook page. Among items included in the auction is a two-night stay in a two-bedroom condo at Green Turtle Bay with an estimated value of more than \$600. The silent auction will end at noon on the day of the festival. Items will be on display at the Marion Welcome Center.

A cake auction will also be held during the festival inside the lobby of Marion City Hall. The auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will last about an hour. Proceeds benefit the shelter and the public is invited to donate a cake for the auc-

tion. Individuals interested in donating a cake can contact Melissa Guill at (270) 965-4200 or (270) 965-2495.

Representatives from the veterinarian offices of Crittenden County Animal Clinic and Animal Practice of Marion will also have booths set up at the festival.

Meantime, shelter officials want to remind the public about the importance of spaying and neutering pets. Officials said adoptions have been down this year, and that the long, cold winter could have played a factor.

Shelter volunteers stress summer is a great time to add a pet to the family and encourage individuals to make an adoption and take home a new best friend.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, May 29
■ Crittenden County High School will hold class night at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena.
Friday, May 30
■ Crittenden County High School will hold graduation ceremonies at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena.
Thursday, June 5
■ A floral design program will be held at 1:30 p.m., at the Caldwell County Extension Office. It will be taught by Kathy Wimberley, McCracken County Extension Agent for Horticulture. This program is part of Extension Homemakers but is open to the public for residents of Caldwell, Crittenden and Lyon counties. For further information and to pre-register call the Crittenden County Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 before June 2.
Friday, June 6
■ The Knuckles for Kyle Overby fundraiser will be held at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Providence at Baynham's parking lot. Call to pre-order a pork chop sandwich, chips, cookie and a drink by Friday. For more information contact Cindy (270) 965-4993 or (270) 969-8759.
Saturday, June 7
■ The Crittenden County Animal Shelter will pass out spay/neuter vouchers from 9 a.m. to noon. Vouchers are \$50 and they cover the cost of spay or neuter of a cat or dog. The vouchers are good at participating veterinarians in Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, Webster, Union and McCracken counties.

Kentucky teen rides along historic trail

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

A backpacking trip across Europe didn't appeal to Emma Swendsen.

Instead, the Lawrenceburg, Ky., teen is spending her summer on horseback following the Trail of Tears route taken by Native Americans after the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Swendsen's mission is to make sure their plight is never forgotten.

Swendsen, 17, arrived in Crittenden County May 20. She began her journey in April in Charleston, Tenn., where the main headquarters for the removal was located. She plans to finish her journey by late June at Cherokee national headquarters in Tahlequah, Okla.

Joining her on the journey is Flame, an Arabian and mustang gelding, and her dog Rune, a German shepherd mix.

After early graduation from high school last December, Swendsen was encouraged to travel abroad or backpack across Europe before beginning college at the University of Louisville this fall. But she said that didn't appeal to her. Then, one day, she heard something on the news that grabbed her attention.

"My mother was following the Violence Against Women and Children Act in Congress, and it was being argued about Native American women and if they need federal protection. So in my mind, it clicked. If they want me to travel, well I'm going to travel for a cause," she said. "When I started getting more involved with

it, I didn't know how much it still impacts the Cherokee nation and Native Americans today. They are still ostracized and face so many impacts. We're forgetting they are still there."

Swendsen's journey hasn't been without both surprises and difficulties. She said traveling on horseback in an era where automobiles rule the roadways does have its challenges.

"You only have so many options when you're trying to keep the mileage short. So I've had to go on roads. People are saying I shouldn't be riding on this, but I don't have a choice," she said. "For the most part, drivers haven't been too bad. But there have been a couple of roads where they've been really rude."

Another challenge is finding a new place to camp every evening. While in Marion, Swendsen tied her horse and dog under the pavilion at the fairgrounds. She keeps her cell phone charged using a solar charger and two extra battery packs are on hand when needed. Locals provided her a meal the evening she stayed in Marion. But not every town along the journey has been so welcoming.

"I've been kicked out of a couple of places including Springfield, Tenn.," she said. "I actually wasn't going to the park that night. I was heading for a church, but I didn't have permission to stay there. A lady called the police as I was riding into town because she thought I was a runaway. So the policeman

who responded sent me to the park for the night."

Swendsen said later that night different police officers came by and told her she had to leave the area.

Swendsen also said she didn't account for the difficulty in negotiating a horse through the Tennessee mountains. She described the experience as rough and the landscape dramatic. She said it contrasted sharply with the flat fields in southern Kentucky near Hopkinsville.

After leaving Marion, the next stop on her route was Golconda, Ill. She has to travel light so stocking up on supplies isn't really an option and must depend on the kindness of strangers.

"The next person I know that can resupply me is in Missouri," she said. "I have 250 miles to go before I know my next human."

Swendsen said her mother, who is a social worker, makes a wonderful counselor for her when she's feeling frazzled. She appreciates her mother being supportive of her endeavor, despite its challenges. She said she could have taken the easy route and driven along the trail but it wouldn't have been the same experience.

"Before I can speak on something or have authority, I have to do it myself. They (the Native Americans) walked before me," she said. "I walk part of the time. But when I'm too tired, I have a horse and they didn't have that. For me, I can't say or speak out on anything unless I've done it."

Despite having to trailer

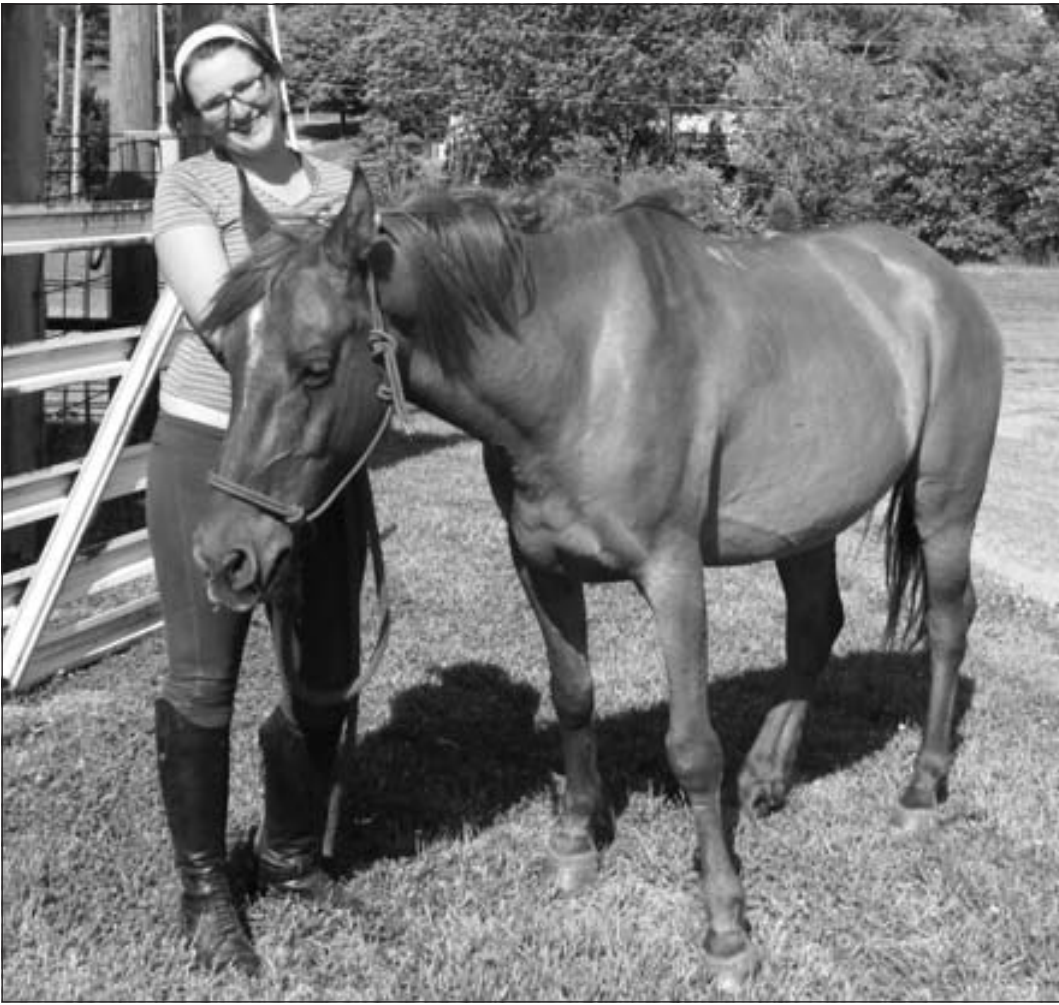


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Emma Swendsen of Lawrenceburg, Ky., along with her horse Flame and dog Rune, visited Marion last week as she continued her journey along the Trail of Tears. Swendsen plans on attending the University of Louisville in the fall. She plans on studying social work and then attending law school.

home in the middle of May for a week and a half because of an abscess on her horse's back, Swendsen was soon back on the route following the trail.

"It's a very odd feeling drifting. I'm not homeless, but I kind of feel homeless," she said. "It's not a good feeling at all not knowing

where you're headed each night."

Still, she insists her resolve is strong and the journey isn't really about her as much as it is about bringing awareness and making sure history is preserved and never repeated.

"I'm stubborn. Things have worked out. When I

say I can't go another mile someone will stop and say I can stay at their house. I haven't ended a night so far to where I haven't been blessed," she said. "It's hard to give up and go home when I know that it's all going to work itself out come tomorrow, even if I am having a rough night."

Local scouts earn Meritorious Action Award

STAFF REPORT

Three Boy Scouts from Troop 75 were recently awarded the Meritorious Action Award from the Lincoln Heritage Council. This medal of merit is awarded for outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.

Carsen Easley and his father Tom, along with Dakota and Cody Crider, were returning from the Order of the Arrow National Leadership and National Lodge Adviser Training seminars leadership training weekend in Nashville, Tenn., when they witnessed a car spinning out of control and crashing.

They pulled over to assist the travelers, and all three scouts jumped out and took action.

"All of their skills and training were put to use as they all worked in different areas to get the situation under control and keep everyone calm," wrote Saundra Easley, Carsen's mother.

While Dakota and Cody were attending the victims



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three local scouts received the Meritorious Action Award after coming upon the scene of an auto accident. Above (from left) Cody Crider, Carsen Easley and Dakota Crider earned the award from the Lincoln Heritage Council. The Crider brothers are the sons of Tim and Audrey Crider. Easley is the son of Tom and Saundra Easley.

and assessing their injuries, a call was placed to 911.

Carsen checked under the car for gasoline and leaking

fluids that might cause a fire. He then went to help the other two with the victims.

"He was doing that to see how dangerous of a situation they were in because he had learned that while working on his Automotive Maintenance merit badge," Saundra wrote.

This accident involved a family of three. A teenage daughter was driving with her father in the passenger seat and a younger brother in the back seat. None of the victims had life-threatening injuries, but the father expressed his appreciation to the scouts.

"He kept thanking them repeatedly for stopping," Saundra wrote. "Cody explained to him that they were just doing what they were trained to do."

At the time of the accident, Carsen was 13 and a Life Scout. Dakota was 16 and also a Life Scout. Cody was 18, an Eagle Scout and assistant scoutmaster. All three were certified in CPR.

"They really made an impression on the accident victims and others that ended up stopping," Saundra continued.

Since receiving this award, both Carsen and Dakota have become Eagle Scouts.

MCC honors local graduates at its 45th annual commencement

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College honored its 2013-14 graduates during its 45th annual commencement exercises on May 9 at the Glemma Mahr Center for the Arts. There were eight graduates from Crittenden County and one from Salem.

"Commencement is such an exciting time on campus and we were honored to celebrate this achievement with our students and their families," said Chief Student Affairs Officer Dr. Jay Parrent. "The college is on pace to award nearly 500 associate degrees this academic year that will help students get high wage, high demand jobs and enable them to transfer into four-year colleges," Parrent said.

Local students awarded credentials from Madisonville Community College during the 2013-2014 academic year were:

- Carissa F. Moore, Associate in Arts.

- Donna Lynn Bradley, of Marion, Associate in Applied Science with an area in business administration.

- Jessica Leigh Eaves, of Marion, Associate in Applied Science with an area in nursing.

- Lydia Leigh Fritts, of Marion, Associate in Applied Science with an area in occupational therapy assistant.

- Kelsey Renee James, of Marion, Associate in Applied Science with an area in nursing.

- Jason Lynn Nesbitt, of Marion, Associate in Applied Science with an area in computer and information technologies.

- Mandy R Weathers, of Marion, Associate in Applied Science with an area in nursing.

- Magen Ruth McMackin, of Marion, diploma with an area in practical nursing.

- Amber Necole Nolan, of Salem, Associate in Applied Science with an area in nursing.

MCC also recognized its 2013-14 outstanding students during the annual Honors Night program, including Bethany Heaton of Marion as Outstanding Occupational Therapy Assistant Student.

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Thank You and Good-Bye

After 4 different full-time routes, hundreds of thousands of miles and 35 years of service to the United States Postal Service, the time has come for me to say good-bye.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the hundreds of wonderful customers I have served over the years. Thank you for the gifts, the treats and for always being so kind and understanding. Just taking a moment to wave at me during delivery has always made my day.

A special BIG thank you goes out to all those who were there to help when I had car trouble, flat tires and pulling me out of ditches when roads were treacherous. I also want to give a special thank you to my son, Robert, for keeping my car running all these years.

I hope to see you all around, but not hanging out at the mailboxes.

*Thank you again,
Charlotte Nesbitt aka "Charlie"*



School days of long ago were very busy

Visiting with the schools of long ago is fun and informative, as it gives us a look at how things were done so many years ago. Even back then, all kinds of learning and entertaining events took place. I'm so glad someone made the effort to share these times with The Crittenden Press, otherwise they would just be forgotten passages of time.

These items are taken from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

Jan. 28, 1921
Baker School Closes
Miss Mayme Cleghorn closed a very successful school at Baker Jan. 19, 1921, with an interesting program.
Six pupils passed the examination for promotion to the high school – Nannie Williams, Edward Samuels, Velma Newcom, Virginia Jennings, Audra Newcom and Loraine Samuels.

At the close of the program, the teacher presented the graduates their promotion certificates then Edward Samuels told what great work the Baker School had done in the fall and winter and how the school appreciated their teacher.

Nannie Williams, Esther Duncan, Aubrey Samuels and Byron Samuels received prizes for the most headmarks, and Esther Duncan also received a prize for regular attendance.

Many of the patrons were present at the closing exercises with well-filled baskets, and Miss Cleghorn furnished the candy, and Mr. Curtis O'Neal took his graphophone over and furnished the music that was enjoyed by all.

Feb. 4, 1921
Going Spring Closes
Miss Fannie Thurmond closed a successful school at Going Springs Jan. 14. Four pupils passed the examination for high school – Emma Hardin, Gray Latham, Eldon Baker and Delmer McDowell. High Wilborn, Hazel Farley and Elza Conger received prizes for regular attendance.

Nov. 2, 1922
Dycusborg
Our school has been in progress only six weeks with an ever-increasing attendance. The first day we had only 61, where we now have from 80 to 85 in attendance.

So many things were necessary to be done that we have been very busy. First, we organized our school as to classes; then with the help of many of our patrons, we had a box supper to secure the money to purchase the articles that we needed.

We have bought a basketball, volleyball and playball. We have also organized a PTA with Mr. Lawrence Lott, chairman, and Mrs. George Graves, secretary. We have one of the most promising literary clubs in Crittenden County. We always have a large attendance at our



Forgotten Passages

meetings. Mr. H.K. Warth gave us a very pleasant evening, and we always welcome him.

The following composition was written by Miss Mildred Ramage of the fifth grade:

“Why I Go to School: I go to school to get an education so that I may be a more useful and industrious citizen when I grow up. Also, I will be more cultured and refined. I will be more independent than if I had not attended school.”

County school closing in 1924

On Feb. 8, 1924, the grades of the Frances School came to a close, which the writer believes in his best judgment was one complete success.

We opened our school July 30, 1923, with an enrollment of 108 as beautiful and promising girls and boys that can be found within the boundary lines of the state of Kentucky.

We closed with an enrollment of 119 pupils that have worked their way through the hard problems of the modern school life and gained for themselves promotion for the grade above them.

I take great pride in mentioning the ones who won the promotion to high school who are as follows: Opal Stone, Forest Caryle Pogue, Ruby Whitt, Weldin Yandell and Pogue Grimes.

We held our commencement on Friday afternoon, Feb. 8, which was attended by a large crowd of parents and friends. After the graduation addresses, the diplomas were presented by Prof. Charles B. Sullenger.

I acknowledge with thanks the help given us by the principal, Mr. Marion F. Pogue; the assistant high school teacher, Mr. C.B. Sullenger; and the primary teacher, Miss Verna Lee Linzy.

Ervin Yandell, teacher

Sugar Grove School closed Friday, Feb. 8 with an all-day entertainment with bounteous dinner for all present.

Music was furnished by Billy Corley, Roy Lamb, Vernon Hodges, Herbert Woodsides and Lester Woodsides of Providence.

The following persons and pupils of the school took an active part in recitations, songs and dialogues: Mrs. Lena Woodsides, George Tosh, Bill Corley, Herbert Woodsides, Miss Lillian Walker, Mrs. Lou McDowell; Lee Corley, Martin Travis, Robert Clayton, Alva Coleman, Luther Stenbridge, Mrs. E.N. McNeely and Miss Celia Phillips of Providence; Claud Hunt, Elvis Travis, Preston Woodside, Roby Conger, Bethel



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Boaz School (above) was located near Frances and was closed in the 1950s. The students were sent to Frances. Baker School (at left) was closed in 1941 and the students were sent to Mattoon. It was located where the Baker Church is today on Ky. 365.

high school, and a number of them are in college.

There are 62 rural schools in this county and three graded districts. All but eight of the rural schools are one-teacher schools. Four – Hebron, Caldwell Springs, Crayne and Boaz – have two teachers. Two schools, Frances and Shady Grove, have four teachers employed.

The three graded districts – Marion, Tolu and Dycusborg – have high schools, and the county maintains high schools at Shady Grove and Frances.

It must have been quite a task to keep up to date and informed on all the little schools that were scattered across our county during this time.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

Thank You

I want to thank everyone that supported, voted or helped me in any way in my run for magistrate. Congratulations to Jeff Ellis, I want to thank him for the respect he showed toward me throughout this race.

For everyone that I visited with that chose not to vote for me, I thank you for taking the time to talk with me. I appreciate your kindness.

Most of all I thank God we live in a country where we have the right to vote and help choose those in leadership. May God bless each and everyone.

Thank you,
Bob Trowbridge

Paid for by Bob Trowbridge



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Students select prom royalty

Crittenden County High School juniors and seniors selected Dusty Lemon and David Steinbach as queen and king of the 2014 CCHS Prom on May 3. The theme for prom was "A Night Under the Oaks," held at the Lyon County Convention Center.

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OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Spring Turkey	April 12 - May 4
Spring squirrel	May 17 - Jun 20
Bullfrog	May 16 - Oct. 31

SWIMMING

Swim team registration

Interested individuals ages 3-18 may still register for the Marion Stingrays swim team season. Practices are daily from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., and from 9:45 to 10:20 a.m., at the country club pool. Swimmers need not be members of the country club. Summer pool memberships, however, are available for those who wish to stay after swim practice and use the pool facilities. For more information, call coach Sherry Frazer at 270-704-0768.

ALL DISTRICT

Fifth District teams

Crittenden County athletes selected to the All-Fifth District Team were as follows:

BASEBALL

Travis Gilbert
Brenden Phillips
Devin Belt
Taylor Champion
Adam Driver

SOFTBALL

Cassidy Moss
Kali Travis
Kaitlyn Hicks

ALL REGION

Recap of All PAC teams

The Pennyrile Area Conference includes scholastic teams from Crittenden, Union, Webster and Hopkins Central. The all-conference selections for the 2013-14 school year are as follows:

Volleyball - Brittany Buell and Haylee Young.

Soccer - Paige Hicks and Anna Schnittker.

Golf - Aaron Owen and Devin Belt.

Football - Daniel Wagoner, Travis Gilbert, Lane Wallace and Brenden Phillips.

Boys Basketball - Aaron Owen and Devin Belt.

Girls Basketball - Cassidy Moss and Chelsea Oliver.

Boys Track - Dylan Hicks, Darren Paris, Colby Watson, Alex Yates

Girls Track - Erin McDonald and Margaret Sitar.

Baseball - Brenden Phillips, Taylor Champion and Devin Belt.

Softball - Cassidy Moss and Kali Travis.

BOAT RACING

Races start June 7-8

The Kentucky Lake Drag Boat Association will hold its first race weekend of the season June 7-8 at Pisgah Bay on Kentucky Lake. Time trials are Saturday and feature events Sunday. The races start at 10 a.m., and run until about 5 p.m. Spectators viewing from shore at Birmingham Ferry should bring chairs or blankets.

Rocket hurler looks for another hot start

Gilbert will play baseball in Ohio at Capital Univ.

STAFF REPORT

If Travis Gilbert can start college the way he did high school, this local baseball star will be the center of attention at Capital University.

The Columbus, Ohio school attracted Gilbert because of its campus charm, personality of its coach and a promise of early opportunities to pitch. The team will graduate 13 seniors this spring and nine are hurlers.

He wants to play right away, just as he did as a middle schooler making the varsity cut.

Gilbert entered high school baseball with a bang even before he got there. As an eighth-grader, he was undefeated (8-0) on the mound and earned all-region honors. Success has followed, but in all honesty, it was improbable that the momentum could continue. After all, Gilbert won his first 11 decisions as a high school pitcher – all before his sophomore year. That is a school record based on available resources and so are his total wins. Gilbert is 23-22 as a Rocket pitcher. He has thrown in 240 innings and struck out 270 batters, both are school records based on available information.



Crittenden County High School senior Travis Gilbert has committed to play baseball at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Capital has more than 3,500 students and is one of the oldest and largest Lutheran-affiliated universities in North America. Pictured are (front from left) grandmother Judi Smith, mother Valerie Gilbert, Travis Gilbert, father Brad Gilbert, grandmother Sandy Gilbert, (back) former baseball coach and future school superintendent Vince Clark, CCHS principal Rhonda Callaway, baseball coach Denis Hodge and grandfather Terry Gilbert.

What's just as impressive as his penchant for baseball is his aptitude in the classroom. Gilbert scored 26 on his ACT and has maintained a 3.95 GPA through high school, ranking 12th in his class.

The Ohio university has recruited Gilbert as a pitcher, but he's been a reliable hitter and infielder at CCHS. He plays summer

ball for the heralded Southern Indiana Spikes and has 13 high school letters for baseball, football and basketball. He also played three years of legion baseball.

A well-rounded individual, Gilbert was one of the featured speakers at last fall's Football Fellowship at Mexico Baptist Church, where he is a member.

Gilbert will study accounting at

Capital and aspires to be a certified public accountant.

He is the son of Brad and Valerie Gilbert. His father is county coroner and his family operates one of the local funeral homes.

Gilbert's mother, Valerie, credits a recruiting service to which the family subscribed for creating the relationship between her son and the Ohio university.

Regional reflection

Early out gives coach reason to review successes

STAFF REPORT

Baseball isn't a game to be judged by one performance, says Rocket coach Denis Hodge. His ball club didn't have a good outing Monday on the big stage, but he was quick to the defense of his boys.

"If you'd have told me before the season that this team would be about .500 against the schedule we played, that we'd play in the district championship game and beat some of the teams we beat, I'd have been okay with that," Hodge said after the Rockets took were knocked out of the Second Region Tournament.

Hopkinsville, (26-10) with the best record in the region, dispatched the Rockets with a 10-0 shutout in five innings on one-hitter by Tiger junior righthander Dustin Pendleton (5-2).

Crittenden ended its season with two straight losses to Trigg in the Fifth District championship game and then Hoptown Monday at Dixon. The Rockets finished the season with a 14-17 mark.

Hopkinsville touched the Rockets early and often. The Tigers used a two-out bunt single to start a first-inning rally that produced three runs thanks to a high-hop single



Driver is All Region

Rocket coach Denis Hodge (1) watches as Crittenden baserunner Adam Driver is forced out at third base on a third-inning play. Driver had the Rockets' only hit in the game and he was also the only Crittenden player named to the All-Second Region Team.

through the infield, a bases-loaded walk and a wild pitch.

Crittenden starter Devin Belt and reliever Travis Gilbert both struggled with control issues. Taylor Champion came on to finish the game.

Adam Driver started the Crittenden third with a single up the middle. A base on balls gave Crittenden two on with no outs, but the Rockets came up empty that frame, eventually leaving the bases loaded.

Hopkinsville put the game away in the bottom of the fifth on two uncaught fly balls to center that scored four runs and brought the mercy rule into play.

Second Region Tournament

At Webster County

MONDAY'S QUARTERFINALS

Henderson County 9, Trigg County 2
Christian County 5, Caldwell County 2
Union County 3, Madisonville 2
Hopkinsville 10, Crittenden County 0

TUESDAY'S SEMIFINALS

Henderson County vs. Christian County
Union County vs. Hopkinsville

WEDNESDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

First Pitch, 7:30 p.m.

reflecting on a season that was full of rewards.

"These guys enjoy playing the game of baseball as much as any I've been around," he said.

He mentioned the team's sweep of Madisonville and Hopkins Central during a doubleheader a couple of weeks ago and other highlights to recap a season that he said was highly rewarding.

Two of the Rockets will be playing baseball in college, Gilbert at Capital University in Ohio and catcher Brenden Phillips at Brescia University in Owensboro. A coach from Southeast Illinois College was at Monday's game to see Belt.



Crittenden County's track and field team held its award ceremony last Tuesday at the park. Among those honored were (front from left) Erin McDonald, Mallory Eubanks, Leah Scott, Anna Schnittker, Margaret Sitar, (back) Dylan Hicks, Daniel Wagoner, Alex Yates, Zach Tinsley, Dakota Watson, Noah Dickerson and Lane Wallace. Pictured at left are track and field team members who were named to the All-Pennyrile Conference Team. They are (from left) Yates, Hicks, Watson, McDonald and Sitar.

Crittenden County High School Track & Field Awards

Girls MVP Margaret Sitar
Boys MVP Dylan Hicks

100 Point Club

Erin McDonald 100	Shelby Wallace 100
Daniel Wagoner 106	Noah Dickerson 107
Lane Wallace 113	Dakota Watson 115
Margaret Sitar 133	Alex Yates 137
Dylan Hicks 138	

Senior Awards

Kaci Beard	Zach Tinsley
Leah Scott	David Steinbach
Anna Schnittker	Erin McDonald
Mallory Eubanks	Cody Hayes
Daniel Wagoner	

2014 Letterman

Beard, Kaci	Belt, Jesse
Berry, Jacob	Cochran, Lindsey
Dickerson, Noah	DiMaggio, Hailey
Eubanks, Mallory	Graham, Kaylee
Greenwell, Jacob	Hadfield, Noah
Hayes, Cody	Hicks, Dylan
McConnell, Gary	McDonald, Erin
Paris, Darren	Rodgers, Nick
Russellerg, Jacob	Schnittker, Anna
Scott, Leah	Shuecraft, Nikki
Sitar, Austin	Sitar, Autumn
Sitar, Margaret	Steinbach, David
Tabor, Alexis	Thaxton, Elysia
Tinsley, Zach	Torres, Jacklyn
Wagoner, Daniel	Wallace, Lane
Wallace, Shelby	Watson, Colby
Watson, Dakota	West, Alyssa
Yates, Alex	



Paris
3200 Meters



Hicks
300 Hurdler



Watson
High Jump

STATE MEET RESULTS
Rockets at Lexington

Three Crittenden County athletes competed in last weekend's Kentucky High School Athletic Association Track and Field Meet on the University of Kentucky Campus at Lexington. Each qualified for state based on their regional performances.

Coach Angela Starnes said the boys' performances were not among state's best, but she was proud of their accomplishments. All are underclassmen and will return to next year's Rocket track and field team.

"It was a great opportunity and I know they will benefit from that in the future," she said.

WEEK 3

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YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUES

12U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Lyon Reds	5	0	-
Caldwell Angels	4	1	1
Caldwell Marlins	4	2	1.5
Caldwell Mets	4	2	1.5
Dawson Tigers	3	2	2
Crittenden Cardinals	1	3	3.5
Crittenden Rangers	0	5	5
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10U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
East Division	W	L	GB
Caldwell Angels	4	1	-
Caldwell Braves	4	1	-
C * *	*	*	
Dawson Mariners	1	5	3.5
Dawson Pirates	0	5	4
West Division	W	L	GB
Crittenden Cardinals	3	1	-
Crittenden White Sox	3	1	-
Lyon Red Sox	3	1	-
Crittenden Rangers	2	3	1.5
L- * * *	*	*	*
8U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Crittenden Marlins	3	0	-
Crittenden Mets	4	1	-
Crittenden Reds	4	1	-
Caldwell Red Sox	3	1	0.5
L- * * *	*	*	*
Caldwell Royals	2	2	1.5
Caldwell Cardinals	2	3	2
D * * *	*	*	*
C * *	*	*	*
Lyon Dodgers	2	3	2
C *	*	*	*
Lyon Rangers	2	3	2
Caldwell Braves	0	5	4
12U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
C * * *	*	*	*
Caldwell Twins	3	1	2
Dawson Marlins	2	2	3
* *	*	*	*
Dawson Tigers	2	3	3.5
Caldwell Braves	2	5	4.5
Caldwell Angels	0	4	5
10U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
C * * *	*	*	*
Crittenden Cardinals	2	2	2.5
Caldwell White Sox *	2	3	3
Caldwell Dodgers	2	4	3.5
Dawson Giants *	0	2	3.5
* Includes 1-1 tie			
8U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Caldwell Dodgers	4	0	-
Crittenden Angels	4	0	-
Crittenden Braves	4	2	1
Caldwell Pirates	4	3	1.5
Caldwell Rays	2	2	2
Lyon Cardinals	2	3	2.5
Dawson Rangers	1	4	3.5
* * *	*	*	*
Standings as of Sunday, May 25			

8U SOFTBALL LEAGUE	
RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, MAY 20	Rangers leading hitters: Not available.
AT PRINCETON	
Caldwell A's.....003 101 — 5	Dawson Rangers.....2
Caldwell Pirates.....401 03x — 8	Crittenden Braves.....3
A's leading hitters: Ella Patterson 1B, 1B, 1B; Alyssa McCallister 1B; Ali Southard 1B, 1B; Ella Beshear 1B, 1B; Alesa Conger 1B, 1B, 1B; Clara Ortt 1B; Lainey Beshear 1B, 1B; Maci Tyler 1B; Ja'Khia Copeland 1B, 1B; Alyvia Barnwell 1B.	Rangers leading hitters: Not available.
Pirates leading hitters: Macey Ames 1B, 1B, 1B; Laney Stallins 1B, 1B, 1B; Avery Wells 1B, 1B; Stallins Frisch 1B, 1B, 1B; Allie Holt 1B, 1B; Emma Koscho 1B; Makenzie Copeland 1B, 1B; Abby Cummins 1B, 1B.	Braves leading hitters: Not available.
Caldwell Dodgers.....260 400 — 12	
Caldwell A's.....001 020 — 3	RESULTS FROM FRIDAY, MAY 23
Dodgers leading hitters: Sydney McKinney 1B 1B, HR; Katy Smiley 1B; Lilly Perry 1B, 1B, 2B; A.J. Hollowell 1B, 1B, 2B; Kiana Ferguson 1B, 1B, 1B, 2B; Morgan Aikins 1B; Hannah Lowery 1B; Rylee Thompson 1B, 1B; Ashlee Ladd 1B; Kaylee Ladd 1B.	AT PRINCETON
A's leading hitters: Ella Patterson 1B, 1B; Ali Southard 1B; Ella Beshear 1B, 1B, 1B; Alesa Conger 1B; Clara Ortt 1B; Lainey Beshear 1B, 2B; Alyssa McCallister 1B; Alyvia Barnwell 1B; Brooklyn Croft 1B.	Crittenden Braves.....6
	Caldwell Pirates.....9
AT DAWSON SPRINGS	Braves leading hitters: Not available.
Crittenden Braves.....8	Pirates leading hitters: Not available.
Dawson Rangers.....4	
Braves leading hitters: Not available.	Crittenden Braves.....002 200 — 4
	Caldwell Pirates.....000 102 — 3
	Braves leading hitters: Jacie Champion 1B; Jaylie Champion 1B, 2B; Carla Travis 1B; Mia Hope Hackney 1B; Carly Porter 1B.
	Pirates leading hitters: Cordie Murphy 1B, 3B; Kennedy Hughes 2B; Makenzie McConnell 1B; Emma Dearing 1B, 3B.
	AT DAWSON SPRINGS
	Crittenden Angels.....120 200 1 — 6
	Dawson Rangers.....N/A — 5
	Angels leading hitters: Not available.
	Rangers leading hitters: Not available.
	Dawson Rangers.....N/A — 4
	Crittenden Angels.....001 301 — 5
	Rangers leading hitters: Not available.
	Angels leading hitters: Not available.
10U BASEBALL LEAGUE	
RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, MAY 20	RESULTS FROM FRIDAY, MAY 23
AT PRINCETON	AT PRINCETON
Dawson Pirates.....030 1 — 4	Lyon Yankees.....003 6 — 9
Caldwell Angels.....542 x — 11	Caldwell Angels.....603 3 — 12
WP: Landon Davis LP: N/A	WP: Landon Davis LP: Connor Stovall
Pirates leading hitters: Stevie Bullock 1B; Dylan Baker 1B.	Yankees leading hitters: Brayden Trice 1B, HR; Luke Gilbert 1B; Brandon Ray 1B; Connor Stovall 1B; Logan Peek 2B; Josh Cissell 1B.
Angels leading hitters: Landon Davis 1B, 3B; Logan Chambliss 3B; Ben Goodaker 2B; Josh Rogers 1B; Barrett Darnell 1B.	Angels leading hitters: Landon Davis 1B, 2B; Ben Goodaker 3B; Logan Chambliss 1B, 3B; Barrett Darnell 1B; Josh Rogers 1B.
Caldwell Braves.....662 — 14	Dawson Pirates.....612 — 9
Caldwell Cubs.....150 — 6	Caldwell Cubs.....66x — 12
WP: N/A LP: Hunter Newsom	WP: Barrett Cotton LP: Chevy Blanton
Braves leading hitters: Jack Stevens 1B.	Pirates leading hitters: Gage Smiley 1B; Caleb Hickerson 1B, 1B; Tristan Foster 1B.
Cubs leading hitters: No hits.	Cubs leading hitters: James Jones 1B, 2B; Hunter Newsom 1B, HR.
AT MARION	AT MARION
Lyon Yankees.....300 0 — 3	Dawson Marlins.....062 — 8
Crittenden Cardinals.....600 1 — 7	Crittenden Rangers.....64x — 10
WP: Dalton Wood LP: N/A	WP: Hayden Adamson LP: Casey Fain
Yankees leading hitters: Not available.	Mariners leading hitters: Logan Floyd 1B.
Cardinals leading hitters: Not available.	Rangers leading hitters: Maddox Carlson 2B.
Crittenden Rangers.....060 — 6	Caldwell Braves.....630 3 — 12
Crittenden White Sox.....560 — 11	Crittenden Cardinals.....121 x — 4
WP: Ben Evans LP: Maddox Carlson	WP: N/A LP: Tanner Beverly
Rangers leading hitters: No hits.	Braves leading hitters: Not available.
White Sox leading hitters: Jack Reddick 1B; Hunter Hopper 2B, 2B; Ben Evans 2B, 3B; Tucker Sharp 2B.	Cardinals leading hitters: Not available.
AT EDDYVILLE	AT EDDYVILLE
Dawson Marlins.....000 1 — 1	Crittenden White Sox.....103 120 — 7
Lyon Red Sox.....641 x — 11	Lyon Red Sox.....013 031 — 8
Mariners leading hitters: Not available.	WP: Beau Wilson LP: N/A
Red Sox leading hitters: Not available.	White Sox leading hitters: Jack Reddick 1B, 2B; Hunter Hopper 1B; Ben Evans 1B, 2B, 3B; Tucker Sharp 1B.
	Red Sox leading hitters: Luke Griggs 1B, 1B, 2B; Gavin Belt 2B; Jonathan Downing 1B, 3B.

12U BASEBALL LEAGUE	
RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 19	RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 22
AT PRINCETON	AT PRINCETON
Crittenden Rangers.....000 00 — 0	Dawson Tigers.....000 000 — 0
Caldwell Marlins.....103 32 — 9	Caldwell Mets.....211 00x — 4
WP: Luke Nelson LP: N/A	WP: Tate VanHooser LP: N/A
Rangers leading hitters: Lathan Easley 1B; Hunter Jones 1B.	Tigers leading hitters: Ethan Jones 2B; Charles Abbott 1B.
Marlins leading hitters: Barrett Schultz 2B; Luke Nelson 1B, HR, HR; Blake Stallins 2B; Dalton Simons 2B, HR; Cameron Baker 1B.	Mets leading hitters: Jude East 1B, 2B, 3B; Tate VanHooser 1B; Preston Nichols 1B; Cole Smiley 1B.
Crittenden Cardinals.....102 000 — 3	Caldwell Angels.....201 21 — 6
Caldwell Angels.....102 001 — 4	Caldwell Marlins.....201 00 — 3
Cardinals leading hitters: No hits.	WP: Christopher Turpin LP: Blake Stallins
Angels leading hitters: Ethan Cotton 3B.	Angels leading hitters: Nick White 1B, 2B; Cayden Fraliex 2B; Layton Hammett 1B.
AT DAWSON SPRINGS	Marlins leading hitters: Luke Nelson 2B; Blake Stallins 1B, 2B; Dalton Simons 1B, 1B.
Caldwell Diamondbacks.....110 020 — 4	AT MARION
Dawson Tigers.....020 201 — 5	Crittenden Cardinals at Crittenden Rangers, PPD
Diamondbacks leading hitters: Landon Pace 1B; Aaron Hensley 1B.	AT EDDYVILLE
Tigers leading hitters: Logan McKnight 1B, 2B; Braxton Cotton 1B, 2B; Ethan Summers 2B; Brennan Cunningham 1B.	Caldwell Diamondbacks.....Lost
AT EDDYVILLE	Lyon Reds.....Won
Caldwell Mets.....111 000 00 — 3	Diamondbacks leading hitters: Not available.
Lyon Reds.....120 000 01 — 4	Reds leading hitters: Not available.
Mets leading hitters: Tate VanHooser 1B, 1B, 1B; Preston Nichols 1B, 2B; Cole Smiley 1B; T.J. Ray 1B; Nicholas Sherrill 1B.	RESULTS FROM FRIDAY, MAY 23
Reds leading hitters: Corey Cissell 1B; Nick Whalin 2B; Clay Haines 1B; Calvin Hooks 1B.	AT DAWSON SPRINGS
	Crittenden Cardinals.....212 21 — 8
	Dawson Tigers.....202 00 — 4
	WP: Tate Roberts LP: N/A
	Cardinals leading hitters: Not available.
	Tigers leading hitters: Not available.
8U BASEBALL LEAGUE	
RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 19	Crittenden Diamondbacks.....100 001 — 2
AT PRINCETON	Lyon Rangers.....003 04x — 7
Caldwell Royals.....221 146 — 16	Diamondbacks leading hitters: Travis Bell 1B, 1B, 1B; Dameron Toy 1B; Jonah Reddick 1B, 1B; Jeremiah Foster 1B, 2B; Jantzen Fowler 1B, 1B; Kayden Travis 1B.
Caldwell Yankees.....343 040 — 14	Rangers leading hitters: D.J. Peek 2B, 3B; John Ryder Bingham 1B, 1B, 2B; Dakota Robinson HR; Dylan Yates 1B; Keegan Downing 1B; Hunter Patterson 1B, 1B.
Royals leading hitters: John Turpin 1B, 1B, 3B, HR; Ryan Hammett 1B, 1B; Luke Parker 2B, 2B, 3B, HR; Bradley Peters 1B; Cole Sherrill 1B, 1B; Austin Markham 1B, 1B, 3B; Aiden Graham 1B, 1B, 1B; Daniel Vickery 1B, 1B, 1B; Jon Beavers 1B, 1B.	Crittenden Cardinals.....305 30 — 11
Yankees leading hitters: Kaden Wright 1B, 3B; Scott Cortner 1B, 1B, 3B; Cofy Harris 1B, 2B, HR; J.T. Palm 1B, 1B, 1B; Demaurius Thompson 1B, 2B; Gus Fox 1B, 1B, 1B, 1B; Cody Pruitt 1B, 1B; Colton Mullins 1B; Clayton Darnell 1B; Jason Lowery 1B; Jaxon Miles 1B, 1B.	Caldwell Cardinals.....255 05 — 17
Caldwell Yankees.....304 36 — 16	Cardinals leading hitters: Skyler Cooper 1B, 1B; Kaden Heaton 1B, 1B; Cannon Littlejohn 3B, HR, HR; Easton Kizzee 1B, 1B, HR; Cason Littlejohn 1B; Potter Gray 1B, 1B; Cameron McDaniel 1B; Preston Birrell 1B, 1B; Joseph Cunningham 1B.
Caldwell Braves.....534 10 — 13	Red Sox leading hitters: Jayvian Turner 1B, 1B; Parker Dixon 1B, 1B, 3B; Blake Bard 1B, 1B, 2B, 3B; Matty Blackburn 2B, 2B, 3B; Brandon McCoy 1B, 1B, 1B, 2B; William Goodman 1B, 1B; Chase Campbell 1B, 1B; Ethan Franklin 1B, 1B, 1B; Aiden Asher 1B.
Braves leading hitters: Chase Lantrip 1B, 1B, 1B; Kaden Wright 1B, 2B; Scott Cortner 1B, 1B, 2B, 3B; Cofy Harris 1B, 1B, 2B, 3B; J.T. Palm 1B, 1B, 1B; Demaurius Thompson 1B, 2B; Gus Fox 1B, 1B, 1B, 1B; Cody Pruitt 1B, 1B; Colton Mullins 1B; Clayton Darnell 1B, 1B; Jason Lowery 1B; Jaxon Miles 1B, 1B.	Red Sox leading hitters: Evan Belt 2B, 2B, 3B; Turner Sharp 1B, 2B, 2B; Travis Champion 1B, 1B, HR; Caden Deboe 1B, 1B; Levi Piper HR, HR; Tyree McLean 1B; Tanner Crawford 1B.
Braves leading hitters: Drew Stevens 1B, 1B, 1B; Timothy Nichols 1B, 1B, 1B; Cade Rowland 1B, 1B; Corbin Nichols 1B, HR, HR; Eli Stevens 1B, 1B; Isaac Lane 1B, 1B; Will Cummins 1B; Wyatt Trotter 1B; Layton Wall 1B; Trayton Freeman 1B, 1B; Case Ort 1B, 1B; Ethan Hodges 1B.	Crittenden Diamondbacks...303 203 — 11
AT MARION	Crittenden Mets.....101 610 — 9
Caldwell Red Sox.....400 604 — 14	Diamondbacks leading hitters: Travis Bull 1B, 1B, 2B; Dameron Toy 1B, 2B, 2B, 2B; Jonah Reddick 1B, 1B; Jeremiah Foster 1B, 2B, 3B; Quinn Summers 1B, 2B; Kaiden Travis 1B, 1B, 1B.
Crittenden Marlins.....455 20x — 16	Mets leading hitters: Jaxon Hatfield HR; Tyler Belt 1B, 2B, HR; Case Gobin 1B, 2B; Gatten Travis 1B, 1B, 2B; Tucker Riley 1B, 1B; Jake Hoover 1B.
Red Sox leading hitters: Jayvian Turner 1B, 1B; Parker Dixon 1B, 1B, HR; Blake Bard 1B, 1B, 1B, HR; Matty Blackburn 1B, 1B, 2B, HR; Brandon McCoy 1B; William Goodman 1B; Gavin McGowan 1B, 1B, 1B; Jacob Towery 1B; Chase Campbell 1B; Ethan Franklin 1B.	AT EDDYVILLE
Marlins leading hitters: Jason Millikan 1B, 1B, 1B; Kaleb Nesbitt 1B, 3B, HR, HR; Brady Belt 1B, 1B, HR; Chase Conyer HR, HR, HR; Gabe Keller 1B, 1B; Casey Cates 1B, 1B, HR; Ethan Rhodes 1B; Dorian King 1B, 1B.	Dawson Cubs.....020 602 — 10
Lyon Rockies.....100 1 — 2	Lyon Rangers.....103 020 — 6
Crittenden Reds.....453 4 — 16	Cubs leading hitters: Dakota Berry 1B; Brett Reynolds 1B; Kolby Crook 1B, 1B; Jakob Purdy 1B;
Rockies leading hitters: Not available.	Rangers leading hitters: D.J. Peek 2B, 2B; Jackson Crawford 1B, 1B; John Ryder Bingham 1B, 1B, 1B; Dakota Robinson 1B, HR; Dylan Yates 1B; Hunter Patterson 1B, 1B; Turner Hurst 1B, 1B.
Reds leading hitters: Andrew Candelario 3B; Turner Sharp HR, HR; Travis Champion HR, HR; Caden Deboe HR; Levi Piper 3B, 3B; Tyree McLean 1B; Braden Brasher 1B, 1B; Trace Scott 3B.	Lyon Rockies.....Won
AT DAWSON SPRINGS	Lyon Dodgers.....Lost
Caldwell Cardinals.....023 00 — 5	Rockies leading hitters: Not available.
Dawson Cubs.....110 20 — 4	Dodgers leading hitters: Not available.
Cardinals leading hitters: Not available.	
Cubs leading hitters: Not available.	
AT EDDYVILLE	
Crittenden Mets.....064 20 — 12	
Lyon Dodgers.....111 00 — 3	
Mets leading hitters: Gatten Travis 2B.	
Dodgers leading hitters: Chris Wellham 1B; Connor Brown 1B.	

10U SOFTBALL LEAGUE	
RESULTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 19	1B; Maggy Griggs 2B; Lexie Teague 1B, 2B; Jourdan Romhill 1B, 1B; Kynady Thomas 1B, 1B; Takyrhelle Boyd 3B; Elaina Hopkins 1B; Kylie Meeks 1B, 1B; Lilly Paul 1B, 1B; Kania Sims 1B, 1B.
AT MARION	Caldwell Dodgers.....200 3 — 5
Crittenden Marlins.....100 10 — 2	Caldwell White Sox.....440 x — 8
Crittenden Cardinals.....000 10 — 1	Dodgers leading hitters: Madison Guill 1B; Kynady Thomas 2B; Takyrhelle Boyd 1B, 2B; Elaina Hopkins 1B.
Marlins leading hitters: Not available.	White Sox leading hitters: Kendra Richardson 1B; Audrey Hensley 1B, 2B; Brook Dennison 1B; Alli Riley HR; Jostaysa Sykes 1B; Emily Sherrill 1B; Katie Menser 1B, 1B.
Cardinals leading hitters: Not available.	AT DAWSON SPRINGS
RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 22	Crittenden Cardinals at Dawson Giants, PPD
AT PRINCETON	Crittenden Cardinals at Dawson Giants, PPD
Caldwell White Sox.....202 4 — 8	
Caldwell Dodgers.....502 0 — 7	
White Sox leading hitters: Kendra Richardson 1B; Audrey Hensley 1B, 1B; Brook Dennison 1B, 1B; Jillian Choate 1B, 2B; Alli Riley 1B, 2B; Jostaysa Sykes 1B, 1B; Emily Sherrill 1B, 1B; Katie Menser 1B; Siya Patel 1B.	
Dodgers leading hitters: Madison Guill 1B,	

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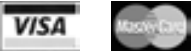


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2002 MOBILE HOME...located in Salem. 4 BR, 2 BA, family room, fireplace. All appliances, privacy fenced yard. Storage shed. sc **SALE PENDING**
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*It is foolish and wrong to mourn
the men who died. Rather we should
thank God that such men lived.*
— Gen. George S. Patton

(Clockwise from top left.) A crowd gathers Monday at the War Memorial in Mapleview Cemetery for American Legion Post 111’s annual Memorial Day Service. From left, former Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown, Post 111 President Jim Estes and keynote speaker Jeremy Wheeler, all former military personnel, salute the flag during the national anthem at Mapleview Cemetery. Brent Witherspoon (right) discusses the order of ceremonies Saturday with keynote speaker Ken Lucas, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, at the annual Blackford Walk of Honor Memorial Day service. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom speaks Monday at Shady Grove Cemetery’s annual Memorial Day ceremony. Daniel McKinzie of the U.S. Air Force and Ciara Hibbs pay homage to the American Flag at Shady Grove during Monday’s service.

Crittenden native honored in Indiana for meritorious duties in World War II

By BEN SKIRVIN
BROWN COUNTY (IND.) DEMOCRAT

Seven decades ago, Robert L. Gipson, a native of Crittenden County, was an 18-year-old infantryman on board a troop ship sailing into port at Le Havre, France.

During the battle at Prüm – part of the Battle of the Bulge – he was captured, along with 295 other members of his regiment. He was taken by rail to Stalag 19A prison camp near Bad Orb, Germany.

During the trip, his unmarked train car was attacked by Allied planes and derailed.

“They made us walk,” Gipson said, “which is why my leg’s bad like it is now.”

He spent several months in captivity. He was later moved to another camp, near Berlin, from which he was liberated by American forces.

Today, Gipson, 88, is the last prisoner of war living in Brown County, Ind. – among all veterans of all wars.

On Memorial Day, he received the Knights of the Legion of Honor medal from U.S. Rep. Todd Young of Indiana. It’s France’s highest military honor that can be bestowed upon a foreign soldier, created by Napoleon Bonaparte to honor those who performed meritorious duty for France or French ideals.

The war

Gipson went down to Kentucky to enlist with “five fellows,” ending up in the Second Infantry, Fifth Division of General George S. Patton’s 3rd Army. Of those men who joined with him, two died in combat, one committed suicide and the other two succumbed to illness after the war.

“There’s a lot of things I did as a teenager, I think I wouldn’t never do again if I had been older,” Gipson said.

He had been in training on D-Day when 12,000 of his fellow soldiers died in the assault on Normandy.

When he arrived in Le Havre, jagged piers protruded out of the shallow harbor waters; ships were scuttled by retreating German forces trying to block access to the port.

The Allies had bombed the city heavily, filling the streets with brick-and-mortar dust created by the constant impacts.

“They kept us dark for a

couple of days,” Gipson said. “What I mean is (the unit’s officers) didn’t let us out to see anything.”

“After that, we traveled at night,” Gipson said. “People always ask, ‘When you were going through France, were you in such and such a town?’ I don’t know.”

His unit fought its way across the rolling farm fields of central France and into Luxembourg, toward the German garrisons at the Siegfried Line. It was a 390-mile-long stretch of hardened bunkers, trenches and pyramid-shaped concrete blocks used to halt tanks.

In 276 days of fighting, his unit captured 275 towns before stalling at Prüm, Germany.

“I know that I was in Prüm, because we were static there for 30 days,” Gipson said.

“During the day, we had to stay in our foxholes, because

if the Germans saw us ...” he trailed off.

Every night, two volunteers would sneak behind German lines.

“One time, we was 30 or 40 feet from a machine gun emplacement,” Gipson said.

While he was in the prison, he was interrogated by a German colonel.

“I ask him where he learned to speak such good English,” Gipson said. “He says to me, ‘I graduated from Purdue University.’” The colonel had traveled to Germany before the war to visit his parents. When hostilities started, he was trapped there and decided to join the German army.

For his service, Gipson was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, POW Medal and the World War II Victory Medal, among others.

The Indiana Senate passed a resolution in 2012 honoring Gipson.

“Robert Gipson made great personal sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. He fought valiantly for this country and deserves to be recognized for this commitment,” Sen. Brent Steele wrote.

He settled in Brown County 65 years ago, with wife, Delores, and children, Robin, Kathy, Debbie and Bobby. He retired from Ford Motor Co.

Brown County Veterans Affairs Officer Ron Higgins helped Gipson apply for the award.

“He’s an incredible guy,” Higgins said.

Barbara Davenport of Marion, Gipson’s niece, said he grew up in the Deanwood community and still has several friends and family in Crittenden County.

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Robert L. Gipson (right), a Crittenden County native, on Monday received the Knights of the Legion of Honor medal from U.S. Rep. Todd Young of Indiana. The medal is France’s highest military honor that can be bestowed upon a foreign soldier, created by Napoleon Bonaparte to honor those who performed meritorious duty for France or French ideals.

VOTE FOR BEN LEONARD FAMILY COURT JUDGE

Allison, Millie, and I want to express our tremendous gratitude to the folks of Crittenden, Union, and Webster Counties. The outpouring of support is truly humbling. The prayers, kind notes, telephone calls, and words of encouragement are blessings. My personal motto is that we are here to serve. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your public servant.

I have walked in the ice, snow, wind, and rain to personally share my belief that healthy families form the basis of a healthy society.

It has been a pleasure for my wife, Allison, and my daughter, Millie, to meet you and so many other people over the last few months. This experience has provided us with the opportunity of developing so many valued relationships. We are truly blessed to live in such close knit communities that value friendships and family. Thank you to those who volunteered countless hours in our efforts to emphasize the importance of family. We appreciate you going on this journey with us.

I humbly ask for your continued consideration and support on November 4, 2014.

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